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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: **Songlin Xu, et al.**

Case: **AMAT/3417/ET**

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TO THE CHAMBER CONDITION**

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 22, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003 (Paper No. 16), having a shortened statutory period for response expiring on July 22, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe only an extension of time fee is due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782, for any fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.